Enlisted Rank Insignia Placement

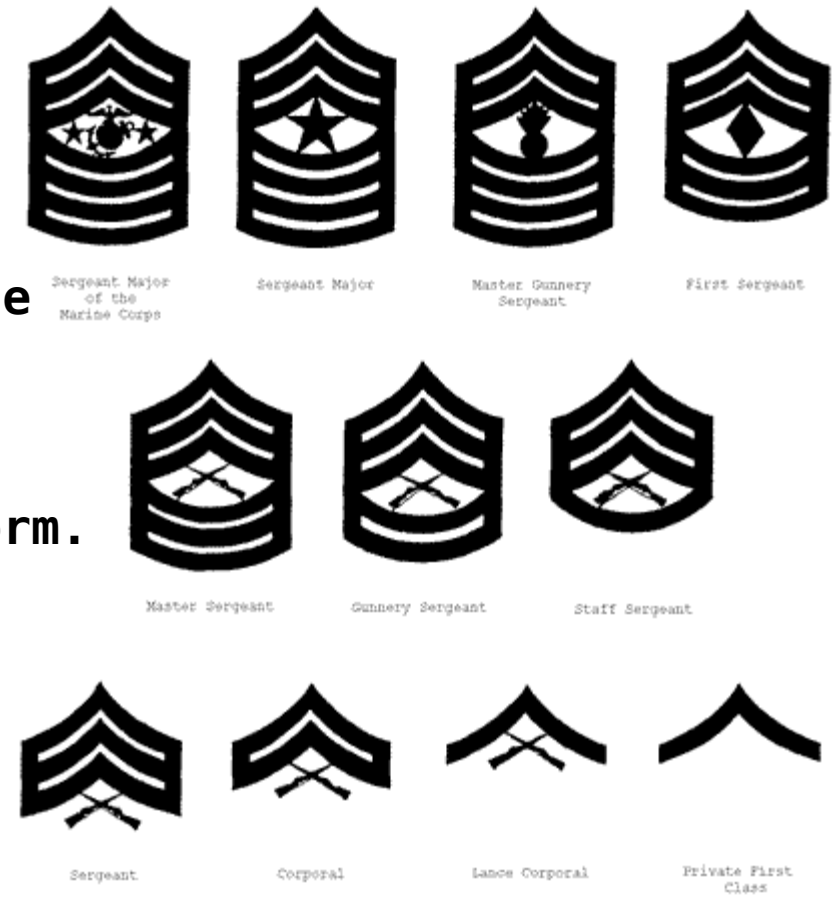
Ref: MCO P1020.34, Chapter 4, Paragraph 4004
(Insignia of Grade - Enlisted)

PURPOSE

The purpose for this brief is to clarify proper enlisted rank insignia placement for the camouflage utility uniform.

Specifically where the digital patterned Combat Utility Uniform. is concerned.

A link for the Marine Corps Uniform Board homepage is provided for your convenience.



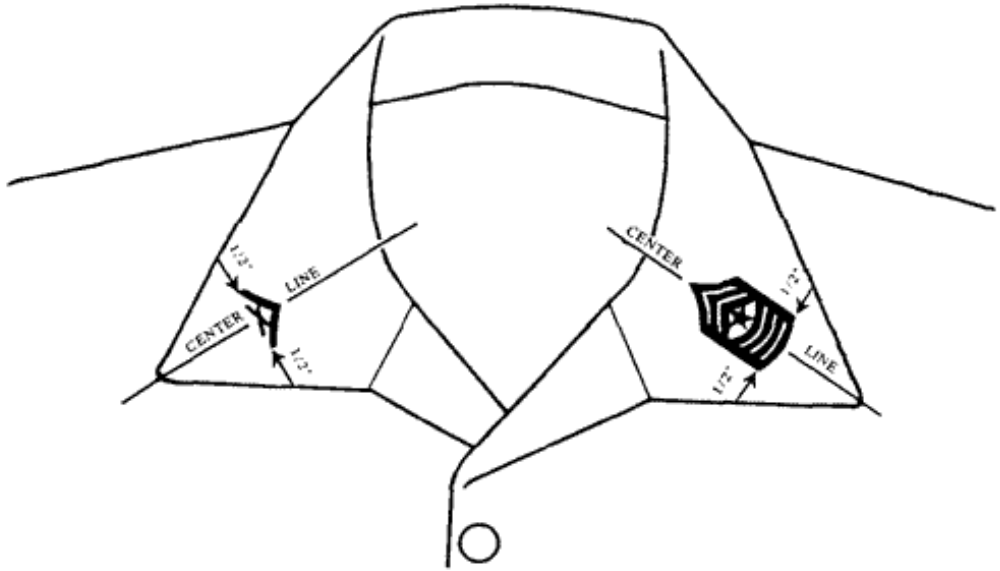
(Graphic is Figure 4-9 from MCO P1020.34)

http://www.marcorsyscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub/

PROPER PLACEMENT

The published guidance regarding enlisted rank insignia placement has not changed.

The figure provided shows the correct chevron placement instructions.



Metal/plastic insignia of grade shall be worn on each side of the collar, placed vertically with the single point up and the center of the insignia on a line bisecting the angle of the point of the collar. The lower edge (outside) being equally spaced 1/2" from either side of the collar.

(Graphic is Figure 4-10 from MCO P1020.34)

COMPARISON

The example shows traditional “cammies” have a more centered appearance due to collar point relief from the chevron’s lowest edge.

The difference is approximately 1” from bottom on the old cammie collar, compared to nearly 3/8″ spacing for the newer digital cammies.

Each collar has proper enlisted rank insignia placement following MCO P1020.34 guidance.

DESIGN & EFFECT

We simply have to get used to seeing the new Combat Utility Uniform, and the subtle changes.

Realize there is a noticeable collar design difference which effects the symmetry and appearance.

Provided to illustrate collar design differences, and how appearance is effected where enlisted rank placement is concerned.

CONCLUSION

The primary goal is to ensure our Marines are wearing the uniform proudly, and correctly as prescribed by current regulations.

Semper Fidelis
Have a fine Marine Corps day!

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